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VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD

Washington, D.C., August 19, 2014. The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is proud to announce the appointment of Ms. Anhlan P. Nguyen as Chairwoman of the VEF Board of Directors.

Ms. Anhlan P. Nguyen is currently an IT project portfolio manager at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association, based in Houston, Texas.

She brings with her more than 25 years of experience in the information systems industry, more than sixteen years of experience in solid project management, and twenty years of non-profit board governance and non-profit fund raising experience. One of her notable achievements is her involvement in various community and youth development projects. Her accomplishments include the establishment of the Vietnamese Youth Center of Toronto, Canada; the National Youth Leadership Development Camp “Lên Đường” for young community activists from across the United States and Canada; and the hosting of numerous community programs aimed at helping and assisting in the development of Vietnamese-American youth. In 2010, she was selected as one of the “Top 25 Women of Houston” by the Steed Society and the Commercial Bank for her outstanding leadership and community involvement. In 2011, she received the “Women’s Leadership Empowerment” Award by the Texas Women’s Empowerment Foundation. In 2013, she received the Asian Heritage Award in Science and Technology by Asian Heritage Society, San Diego, California. Ms. Nguyen has a B.S. and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Toronto, Canada. She is now pursuing her Doctoral Program in Business Administration at the Northcentral University and expected to graduate in 2015. Ms. Nguyen was appointed by the U.S. President as a Board Member for VEF in 2012 and recently she was elected by the VEF Board of Directors as its first female Chair and assumed her duties on July 18, 2014.

Ms. Nguyen shared that “I am truly honored to accept the nomination as the Board Chair. On this occasion, I would like to thank my predecessors and other fellow Board members sincerely for paving the way and for trusting in me. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and important contributions of the VEF staff in both offices during the last 11 years. As the VEF sunset approaches during the next four years, VEF will continue its important work in educational exchange, leaving a legacy for Vietnam, ensuring that the United States and Vietnam will continue to build on the educational cooperation achievement of the past decade.”

VEF is a special initiative enacted by the U.S. Congress to bring the United States and Vietnam closer together through educational exchanges related to science, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and technology. The Foundation is in its eleventh year of operations. As its flagship activity, the VEF Fellowship program has placed 504 Fellows at 96 top-tier U.S. graduate research institutions for Master’s and doctoral degrees. Additionally, the VEF Visiting Scholar Program funds Vietnamese doctorate recipients to pursue postdoctoral programs at U.S. universities for up to 12 months. Under the Visiting Scholar Program, which began in 2007, 46 Vietnamese with doctorates have been sent to 35 major U.S. universities for a self-designed, postdoctoral level program from 5 to 12 months. The newest VEF program is the U.S. Faculty Scholar Grant Program beginning in 2008. Through this program, 39 U.S. Faculty Scholar grants have been awarded to 31 American professors, who have been selected to teach courses in English at 26 Vietnamese institutions either on site in Vietnam or via real-time, interactive video conferencing from the United States for one or two semesters. VEF Fellows and Visiting Scholars are required to return to Vietnam after completing their academic programs in the United States.

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